

# Why Recycle?



## It's Simple

It's easy to recycle in Howard County. Just place your recyclable paper, plastic, cans, glass, and cardboard together in the same container. You don't need to remove lids or labels, but we do ask that you rinse your recyclables lightly.

## It's Resourceful

Recycling one aluminum can saves enough electricity to run a television for three hours!

Each ton (2000 pounds) of recycled paper can save 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space, 4000 kilowatts of energy, and 7000 gallons of water. This represents a 64% energy savings, a 58% water savings, and 60 pounds less of air pollution!

## It Helps Us All By...

- Conserving valuable natural resources
- Extending the useful life of our landfill
- Reducing the cost of waste management

## Holiday Slide Schedule

No collections will be made on the following holidays:

|                  |                  |
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| New Year's Day   | Labor Day        |
| Memorial Day     | Thanksgiving Day |
| Independence Day | Christmas Day    |

If a holiday falls on a weekday (Monday - Friday), ALL trash and recycling collections scheduled on or after the holiday will 'slide' and be made one day later that week.



Together Now!

Remember...No recyclable is too small to make a difference!

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# Recycling Guide for County Collections

| YES  | NO   |
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|  <b>Paper</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• drink boxes</li> <li>• milk cartons</li> <li>• newspaper and inserts</li> <li>• white or colored paper</li> <li>• food and snack boxes</li> <li>• hard and soft cover books</li> <li>• greeting cards</li> <li>• non-foil gift wrap</li> <li>• catalogs and magazines</li> <li>• junk mail</li> <li>• phone books</li> <li>• bagged shredded paper</li> <li>• three ring binders</li> </ul> | <b>Paper</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• paper towels</li> <li>• tissues</li> <li>• food-soiled paper plates or cups</li> <li>• foil gift wrap</li> </ul>   |
|  <b>Plastic</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bottles (milk jugs, soda, detergent, salad dressing, cooking oil, shampoo, liquid soap, spray products, etc.)</li> <li>• tubs</li> <li>• jars</li> <li>• trays</li> <li>• disposable cups</li> <li>• plates</li> <li>• flower pots</li> <li>• toys</li> <li>• buckets</li> <li>• plastic grocery bags bundled together</li> </ul>   | <b>Plastic</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• styrofoam</li> <li>• plastic clam shells (packaging for electronics, toys, batteries, etc.)</li> <li>• CD jewel cases</li> <li>• motor oil containers</li> <li>• pesticide or solvent bottles</li> <li>• VHS tapes</li> <li>• plastic electronics</li> </ul> |
|  <b>Cans</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• aluminum and steel cans (drink, food, and pet food)</li> <li>• EMPTY aerosol cans (hairspray, whipped cream, etc.)</li> <li>• aluminum foil</li> <li>• aluminum foil bakeware</li> </ul>   | <b>Cans</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• propane cylinders</li> <li>• beach or lawn chairs</li> <li>• pots and pans</li> <li>• scrap metal</li> </ul>  |
|  <b>Glass</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any color glass</li> <li>• bottles</li> <li>• jars</li> </ul>   | <b>Glass</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• window glass</li> <li>• drinking glasses</li> <li>• mirrors</li> <li>• ceramics</li> <li>• crystal</li> <li>• cookware</li> <li>• light bulbs</li> </ul>   |
|  <b>Cardboard</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• flatten all boxes to less than 4' x 6'</li> <li>• bundling is preferred but not required</li> <li>• bundles should be no higher than 6 inches</li> </ul>  | <b>Cardboard</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• styrofoam inserts</li> <li>• food-soiled boxes</li> </ul>  |

**You don't have to remove lids, caps or labels!**

**Please no yardwaste or trash in your recycling container.  
Please do not place recycling carts in front of mailboxes.**

## Recycle Outside the Bin

### Alpha Ridge Residential Convenience Center:

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Antifreeze                 | Propane tanks               |
| Appliances                 | Reusable building materials |
| Automobile batteries       | Rigid plastics              |
| Carpeting and foam         | •Lawn Furniture             |
| Electronics                | •Playhouses                 |
| •Computers and accessories | •Coolers                    |
| •VCRs                      | •Totes/Laundry Baskets      |
| •Radios                    | Tires                       |
| •TVs                       | Used clothing and shoes     |
| Metal (scrap)              | Used cooking oil            |
| Motor oil                  | Yard/Wood waste             |

### Also consider:

- Donating to Goodwill or The Salvation Army
- Exploring online classifieds
- Customer Take-Back programs at Best Buy, Home Depot, My Organic Market, etc. for items such as CFLs, electronics, and batteries

### Composting:

The County provides free bins for backyard composting.

### Yard Waste Recycling:

Use paper bags or reusable containers for curbside yard waste collection or landfill drop-off.

### Grassy cycling:

For a healthier lawn, don't bag those nutrient-rich grass clippings, let them lie! You save time and energy and no special equipment is needed.

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